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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY ENVOY OF GRENADA PRIME  
MINISTER SUPPORTING PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. ON FEB 23, GRENADIAN AMB-AT-LARGE WELLINGTON  
FRIDAY GAVE A PRESS BRIEFING ON BEHALF OF PRIME MINISTER  
GAIRY SUPPORTING RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL  
TREATIES.

2. SPEAKING FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, FRIDAY:  
-- DESCRIBED U.S. OFFICIALS IN LAUDATORY  
TERMS

-- NOTED SUPPORT FOR PANAMANIAN ASPIRATIONS  
AT THE 7TH OASGA, SUPPORT FOR THE SPIRIT  
OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION DISPLAYED AT  
THE SIGNING CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON,  
ENTHUSIASM FOR THE TREATIES IN THE  
U.S. AND THE "GREAT LOVE AND ADMIRATION  
IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE  
OF THE U.S. ARE HELD BY ALL GOVERN-  
MENTS AND PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA AND  
THE CARIBBEAN."

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-- PRAISED THE U.S. COMMITMENT "TO ALLEVIATE  
THE PERENNIAL PROBLEMS THAT BESET ITS  
NEIGHBORS AND TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY  
OF LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS."

3. FRIDAY SAID "IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND OF MUTUAL

LOVE AND RESPECT SHARED BY THE UNITED STATES AND GRENADA--  
THE GREATEST AND THE SMALLEST RESPECTIVELY, WITHIN THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES COMMUNITY -- THAT SIR  
ERIC OFFERS FULL SUPPORT TO EFFORTS AIMED AT RATIFYING  
THE TREATIES BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, PREFERABLY  
IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM. THE PRIME MINISTER IS OF THE  
VIEW THAT ANY FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS TO RATIFY THE TREATIES IN THE FORM ORIGINALLY  
PROPOSED MIGHT TEND TO SHAKE THE CONFIDENCE AND ESTEEM  
OF THE AMERICAS - THAT LOVE, THAT CONFIDENCE, THAT  
ESTEEM WHICH WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE  
SPONTANEOUS AND OVERWHELMING ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
INVITATIONS TO ATTEND THE SIGNING CEREMONY LAST  
SEPTEMBER BY ALL NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE."

4. TEXT POUCH TO DEPT (SCHIELE - IO/UNP). YOUNG

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